

Faculty Senate endorsed proposed policy on 12-9-2014

RESOLUTION 14/15/44

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE LIFELINE 911
POLICY TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

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WHEREAS, Underage drinking is a widespread problem at many university campuses across the country and a safety issue that needs to be addressed;

WHEREAS, There are more than 275 colleges and universities in the United States that currently provide some type of immunity for underage drinkers seeking medical attention;

WHEREAS, The Lifeline 911 Policy would not condone underage drinking, but rather is a preventative measure designed to protect and preserve student lives;

WHEREAS, According to The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, between 2011 and 2012, 68.6 percent of 12- to 20-year-olds participated in binge drinking within the last 30 days;

WHEREAS, According to Virginia Tech University's Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center, there are nearly 50,000 reported cases of alcohol poisoning each year, with 50 deaths as a result of alcohol poisoning on United States college campuses alone;

WHEREAS, When individuals under the legal drinking age in the United States consume alcohol, they often do so in excess by engaging in binge drinking activities, which often lead to life threatening conditions like alcohol poisoning;

WHEREAS, Current policies and laws often deter underage drinkers of alcohol to seek help for another underage consumer of alcohol who requires medical attention;

WHEREAS, Professionals in the Offices of Counseling Services and Student Life already provide high quality services, are supportive of this policy, and are able to provide the necessary services without additional costs to the university;

WHEREAS, The Lifeline 911 Policy at Kansas State University would encourage our students to look out for the health and safety of themselves and other individuals in danger; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas State University Lifeline 911 Policy is as follows:

.010 Introduction

The Lifeline 911 policy allows students to seek immediate medical assistance for an alcohol-related emergency on behalf of themselves or another person without being sanctioned for violation of any university-related policy. This policy allows students to make healthy decisions by seeking medical help without the fear of punishment.

Because it is important that victims of alcohol-related emergencies receive medical treatment, Kansas State University students seeking immediate medical assistance for an alcohol-related emergency on behalf of themselves or another person will not be sanctioned for violation of any university alcohol-related policies.

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.020 Requirements

To obtain immunity from University disciplinary sanctions, students actively involved in the situation must:

1. *Make initial contact with law enforcement, emergency medical services, or University staff as a result of their actively seeking out medical assistance;*
2. *Provide relevant contact information to the responding emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and University staff;*
3. *Remain on scene with the individual who reasonably appeared in need of medical assistance until emergency medical assistance and law enforcement officers have arrived; and*
4. *Cooperate with responding emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and University staff.*

.030 Immunity

If these conditions are met, the victim, the caller, and those closely involved in aiding the victim shall have immunity from University disciplinary sanctions and processes.

.040 Post-Incident Education Program

As a further condition of immunity, those seeking immunity under the Lifeline 911 Policy must participate in the following:

1. *First Incident:*
 - a. *Students have a mandatory conversation with Student Life or Housing and Dining staff.*
 2. *Second Incident:*
 - a. *Students have a mandatory conversation with Student Life or Housing and Dining staff. Students must take part in a mandatory Project ABC program provided through Counseling Services. The University may also contact the parents or legal guardian of the student requiring medical attention.*
 3. *Third and Additional Incidents:*
 - a. *Students have a mandatory conversation with Student Life who will decide what further measures need to be taken on a situational basis.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Kansas State University Student Governing Association recommends that the Lifeline 911 Policy be implemented at Kansas State University immediately following passage of this resolution. Furthermore, it is recommend that this policy be put into the Policy and Procedures Manual, Residence Life Handbook and Office of Student Life Policies.

SECTION 2. Upon passage by the student senate and signature of the student body president, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Kirk Schulz, president; April Mason, provost and senior vice president; Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students; Stephanie Bannister, associate director of student living; Heather Reed, assistant vice president for student life; Ben Hopper, director of greek affairs; Sue Peterson, director of governmental relations; Ronnie Grice, director of K-State Police; Jared Marcuson, Interfraternity Council president; Kaitlin Beeman, Panhellenic Council president; Derek Jackson,

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